

Minimum Dietary Diversity for Women (MDD-W): From Collection to Action

Promoting Diet Diversity of Women: Boon for SDG2

November 25th, 14:00 – 16.30 (CET)

Objective: 1) to encourage the political support and mobilization of resources for the MDD-W indicator's continued and scaled-up use with the aim to measure progress towards improving diet quality and at the same time raising awareness on gender-specific dietary needs. 2) to advocate for the inclusion of MDD-W in large-scale, national surveys, and to raise awareness of the role it can play in international initiatives like the Agenda 2030 and the upcoming Nutrition for Growth and Food System Summits.

Expected outcome: Increased awareness of country decision takers and global leaders on the pertinence to collect and analyse data on dietary diversity for women in reproductive age.

Time	Content	Speaker
14:00	1. Welcome and introductions	Ms. Thin Lei Win, Reuters Foundation
14:05	2. High-level political advocacy for MDD-W	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MDD-W in the context of healthy diets and food system transformation 	Ms. Carla Montesi, Director in DG DEVCO (European Commission)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging the support for the MDD-W indicator's continued and scaled-up use 	Ms. Gerda Verburg, Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocating for MDD-W as a potential SDG indicator and announcement of the MDD-W updated guidelines 	Ms. Anna Lartey, Director of the Food and Nutrition Division (FAO)
14:40	3. MDD-W data collection and interpretation: Summary of Events 1 & 2	Ms. Gina Kennedy (USAID Advancing Nutrition)
14:50	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:00	4. Showcasing global, regional and country examples	
	Global & regional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting MDD-W as part of the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) Inclusion of MDD-W in CAADP (rationale and progress) UNICEF: Scaling up the routine collection of MDD-W in East Asia and the Pacific 	Ms. Sorrel Namaste, Senior Nutrition Advisor (DHS) Ms. Boitshepo Giyose, Senior Advisor to the CEO (NEPAD) Ms. Jessica Blankenship, Nutrition Specialist (UNICEF)
	Country level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zambia: use of MDD-W at national level Chad: MDD-W as impact assessment indicator of SAN Ethiopia: Using MDD-W for EUD programming Myanmar: MDD-W results informing policy (tbc) 	Mr. Musonda Mofu, Deputy Executive Director (NFNC) Mr. Mahamat Bechir, Director (DNTA) Mr. Pierre-Luc Vanhaeverbeke, Nutrition focal point (EUD) Ms. Lwin Mar Hlaing, Deputy Director (NNC, tbc)
	Q&A and discussion	
16:15	5. Closing statement: UN Standing Committee on Nutrition	Ms. Stineke Oenema (UNSCN)
16:30	6. Event closing	Ms. Thin Lei Win, Reuters Foundation